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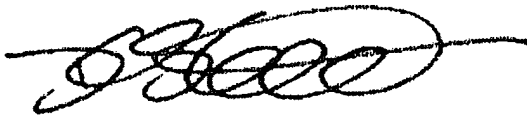
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I, DAVID STEELE, declare as follows:

1. I am the Group Product Manager, Scientific Sector, for BOC Edwards and an employee of the Assignee of the above-identified patent application.
2. A prototype of an arrangement including a sensor attached to the outside of a pump and connected to a controller was provided to a third party to for evaluation under a Confidentiality Agreement prior to the filing date of the above-identified patent application.
3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are a series of e-mails dated prior to the date of the filing of the above-identified application relating to the prototype provided

to the third party. I have been unable to locate any written quotes on price provided to the third party.

4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.



David Steele

11 JUNE 2003

Dated